

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 18/05/2025 1:56 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Peacock Public House 78 Peacock Street Gravesend Kent DA12 1EG
Proposal:	Change of use from Public House (sui generis) to Place of Worship or Religious Instruction (Class F1) at ground floor.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

Parking in St Andrews Road is already overcrowded, the double yellow lines that were meant to be drawn at the ends of the road, are still yet to be finished. The same is true on Peacock Street. This has caused cars to spill out over both roads. Adding additional cars and subsequent traffic is not in the best interests of local residents and the community. Another place of worship in Gravesend would encourage more people to leave their vehicles here for the entire day, this is not fair on residents who pay for a permit. The argument that worshippers would walk to their destination I find hard to believe, the current well established Mosque, Gravesend Central Mosque, has access to car parking. The spaces are constantly in use, this shows worshippers do not all walk, as the application has tried to claim. Based on this knowledge it cannot be taken as true that local traffic and parking would not be negatively impacted.

The noise the construction would make to convert the property into a place of worship would disrupt local residents who work from home and those who need to sleep during the day after night shifts. And once fully running the noise would be constant during the day, exacerbating this would be people constantly coming and going from the property. The Peacock Pub previously at the site was only audible on some evenings, not at all hours of the day. The application stated that during summer one of the prayer times would be at 04:30 AM, this is completely unacceptable to neighbours. It is not in our interest to have noise at these unsociable hours.

The Muslim Community in Gravesend already has a well established community space, the Gravesend and Dartford Muslim Association is located in the Gravesend Central Mosque, only a 3 minute drive from the Peacock Pub location. And has car parking available. This Mosque is one of the oldest in Kent and offers accessible teachings and worship. This association already has a prime location offering the same services, without the need for disruptive construction work. There is not a need for the proposed development with a better site so nearby. The application claims other locations are at capacity, on the Gravesend Central Mosque's website the form to become a member is still live, "https://www.gravesendcentralmosque.com/become-a-member". The Peacock

Pub should not be converted when Gravesend Central Mosque is still open for applications to join.

Other places of worship are a very short distance away. There are 19 churches of various denominations in Gravesend. The nearest is the Hope Reformed Baptist Church, a 1 minute drive from the Peacock Pub location. With so many churches nearby catering to all different forms of Christianity, yet another place of worship is not required. These churches already have regular groups attending, another site would not be required so nearby to well established churches.

A large Gurdwara is in Gravesend, hosting fantastic festivals throughout the year bringing everyone together regardless of religious background. Siri Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara, is a 2 minute drive from the Peacock Pub location and has a large car park. Unlike the proposed Peacock Pub location which has no parking available, traffic to the proposed location would only disrupt the local residents.

The nearest Synagogue, in Chatham, is a 20 minute drive from the Peacock Pub location. The Chatham Memorial Synagogue is a beautiful grade 2* listed building, built in 1869. The Synagogue has a car park available and has been a Jewish place of worship for many years. The Peacock Pub lacks the cultural significance to become a respectable place of worship. Having previously been a pub, I do not think this would be an appropriate place to respectfully host public worship.

Changing the Peacock Pub on Peacock Street to a place of worship would harm the property character and appearance, this would be a shame to lose. So many well known locations in Gravesend are being changed over time, it would be a great loss to see the namesake of Peacock Street removed and the grand peacock bird sign permanently removed. Since the last application to change the Peacock Pub to a place of worship, it still has not been proven that a pub would not be successful here. The same as it was the last time this application was created. Since nothing has changed to disprove this, it continues to hold as a solid argument against the change of use.

Kind regards